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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING FIGURES

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AMENDED ABSTRACT

~~The subject of this present invention is a~~ <u>A</u> device and a method for the detection and prevention of intrusion into a computer network by detecting and blocking the intrusions before penetration of the network. The method ~~is characterised in that it~~ includes a stage for detecting the connections at the central point and before each branch of the network, and a stage for selective filtering of these connections. This selective filtering of the connections includes a stage for automatic recognition of the accessing protocol, independently of the communication port used by the protocol.

~~Figure 2.~~